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Naming Committee to meet Wednesday morning

By John Wills
Campus Reporter | @DEN_news

The University Naming Committee has gathered significant data on the opinions of students, staff, and faculty about the controversy surrounding Douglas Hall, but the question remains: when will a final recommendation be made on whether to maintain or change its name?

The answer's complicated, but one thing's for sure: not at their next meeting, said convener Ken Wetstein.

The meeting comes as students, staff and faculty on campus recently finished participating in and responding to various community forums designed to poll for public opinion on the Douglas Hall issue.

The committee will use the information gathered from those forums to make a final decision on whether to change Douglas Hall's name.

As for when that final vote will take place? That's not for sure, according to Wetstein.

The committee members need time to organize their thoughts and consider the data, thus the decision won't happen at Wednesday's meeting.

The committee did aim to have a recommendation ready before the end of the semester, and if that is to happen, the vote would need to take place on April 28, the committee's last meeting before final exams.

"The work that remains before the committee is for each committee member to engage with all the content, whether it's the forums, the survey information," Wetstein said. "It's my expectation that if there's going to be any recommendation to the President, a motion for that recommendation would probably emerge at that April 28th meeting."

If and when the committee makes a recommendation, that is not the final step in the changing of the Douglas Hall name.

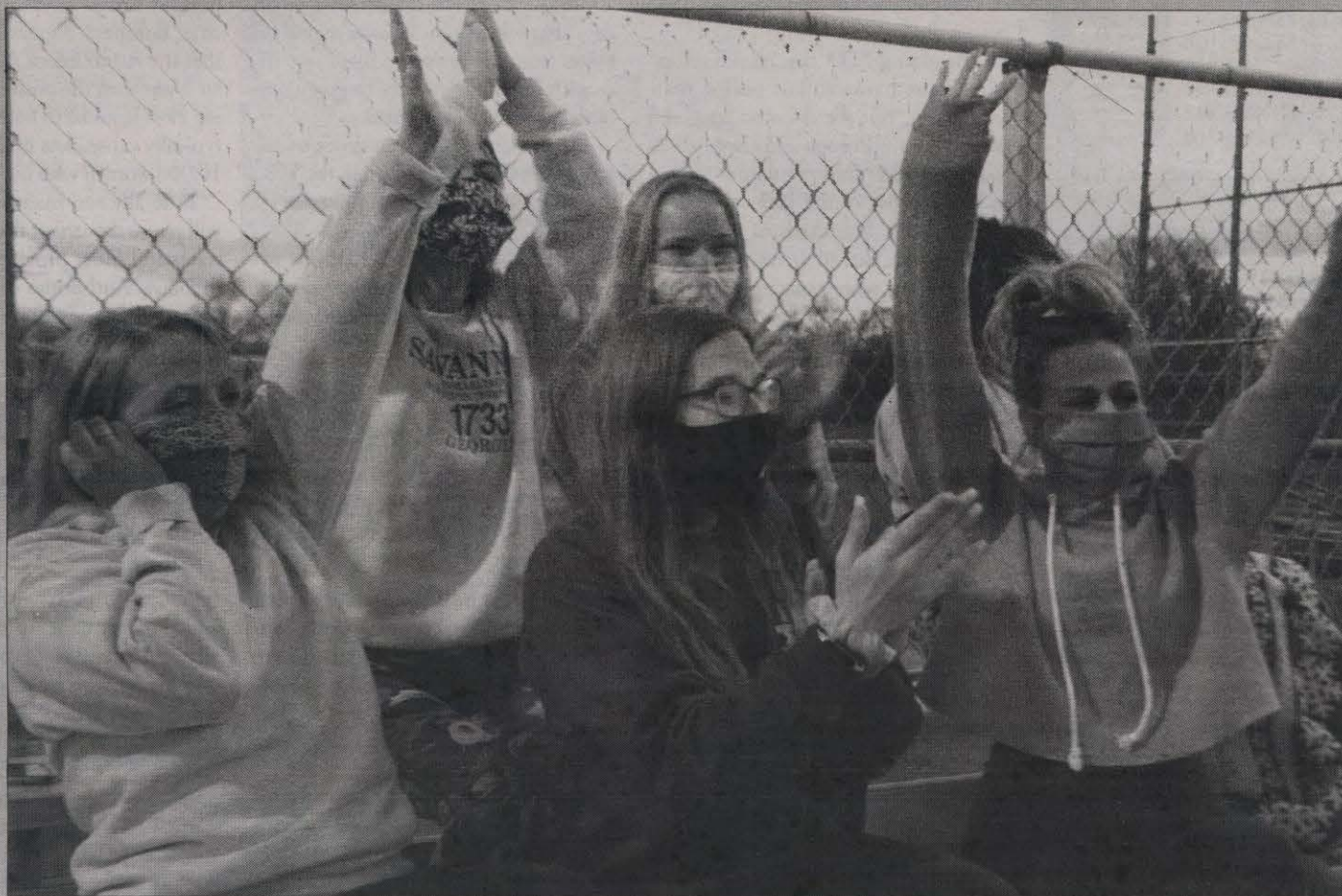
Whatever decision the committee comes to must still be approved both by University President David Glassman and his council, as well as by the Board of Trustees. After April 28, the board's next meeting is not until June.

In lieu of discussing the data from the forums and surveys, the committee has decided to gain a little more historical context on the issue by inviting a speaker to Wednesday's meeting.

The committee is preparing to hear from Dr. Nicole Etcheson, the bracket professor of history from Ball State University who is especially familiar with the historical context behind the Lincoln and Douglas debates. She will be assisting the committee members by providing the last bit of background they need to complete their research, helping them to make an impartial and educated decision on the Douglas Hall name.

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Supportive fans



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A group of students cheers during an intramural kickball game between Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu on Tuesday evening. Yesterday's game was the last before the championship which will be held on Monday, April 19.

Student Senate to vote on resolution supporting students, opposing AAPI hate

By Helena Edwards
Student Government Reporter | @DEN_news

The Student Senate will be having two more meetings for the rest of the semester. Wednesday over Zoom and April 21, planned to be in person at the Grand Ballroom in the MLK Union.

The senate is expected to vote on a resolution during its Wednesday meeting reiterating Eastern's stance against racism towards Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The resolution reads:

"Whereas, The Eastern Illinois University remains committed to a welcoming and inclusive campus community that recognizes and elaborates its diversity.

Whereas, The Eastern Illinois University community stands in solidarity against Asian Hate in response to the ongoing violence and hate targeted against members of the AAPI community.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University condemns any acts of expressions of hate and violence that threatens the personal safety and welfare of members of the AAPI community and all EIU faculty, staff and students.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University has a duty to confront and speak out against all forms of racial, violence and discrimination.



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the Student Government talk during their March 31 meeting. During their meeting Wednesday they will vote on a resolution denouncing hate and racism toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Whereas, Eastern Illinois University recognizes and celebrates the rich history, culture contributions of those members of the Asian American & Pacific Islander communities.

Be it resolved, Eastern Illinois University & the EIU Student Government condemns any and all forms of discrimination, hate and violence against members of the AAPI

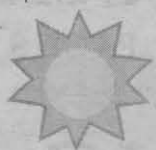
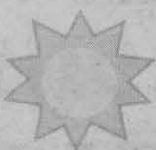
communities and members of the EIU community."

With two meetings left, campaigning for those running as Student Senate candidates will begin this week and voting results given Apr. 21.

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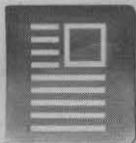
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US recommends 'pause' for J&J shots

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. on Tuesday recommended a "pause" in use of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to investigate reports of rare but potentially dangerous blood clots, setting off a chain reaction worldwide and dealing a setback to the global vaccination campaign.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration announced that they were investigating unusual clots in six women between the ages of 18 and 48. One person died.

The acting FDA commissioner expected the pause to last only a matter of days. But the decision triggered swift action in Europe and elsewhere as the drugmaker and regulators moved to halt the use of the J&J vaccine, at least for now. Hundreds of thousands of doses were due to arrive in European countries, where vaccinations have been plagued by supply shortages, logistical problems and concerns over blood

clots in a small number of people who received the AstraZeneca vaccine, which is not yet cleared for use in the U.S.

Any slowdown in the dissemination of the shots could have broad implications for the global vaccination effort. The J&J vaccine held immense promise because its single-dose regimen and relatively simple storage requirements would make it easier to use, especially in less affluent countries.

The clots, which happened 6 to 13 days after vaccination in veins that drain blood from the brain, occurred together with low platelets, the fragments in blood that normally form clots.

More than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been given in the U.S., the vast majority with no or mild side effects.

Seth Shockley of Indianapolis received the J&J vaccine Sunday and was initially worried when he heard about

the potential side effects Tuesday. His concerns faded when he learned there were only six confirmed cases of blood clots.

"I would much rather take the risk with the vaccine — a much smaller risk — than to risk it with COVID," he said. Now he's more worried that the reports could result in more people refusing to get vaccinated.

The FDA said the cases under investigation appear similar to the clots that are possibly linked to the AstraZeneca vaccine. European regulators have stressed that the AstraZeneca risk appears to be far lower than the possibility of developing clots from birth control pills, which typically cause clots in about 4 of every 10,000 women who use them for a year.

Federally run mass vaccination sites will pause the use of the J&J shot, and states and other providers are expected to follow. Authorities stressed they have found no sign of clot problems with the

most widely used COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. — from Moderna and Pfizer.

"I'd like to stress these events appear to be extremely rare. However COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority," acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock said at a news conference.

Speaking at the White House, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top expert on infectious disease, said the pause would allow the FDA and the CDC to investigate the clotting cases and "to make physicians more aware of this."

A CDC committee will meet Wednesday to discuss the cases, and the FDA has launched an investigation into the cause of the clots and low platelet counts.

FDA officials emphasized that Tuesday's action was not a mandate. Doctors and patients could still use J&J's vaccine if they decide its benefits outweigh its risks for individual cases, said Dr. Peter Marks.

Black prep player told to sit near banana peels: 'I'm fine'

MOLINE, Ill. (AP) — A Black football player at an Illinois high school captured on video sitting in a locker littered with banana peels after a teammate threatened to break his knees if he didn't comply says he's "fine" and wants people to "stop talking about the incident."

The Moline High School student, who was not identified because he's a juvenile, also said in a statement released through the Rock Island County State's Attorney's Office that those football team members involved in the incident have apologized, Davenport, Iowa, television station KWQC-TV reported.

"I love the football team I'm on and they're good guys. I know that personally. I talked to the people involved individually and they apologized. We had a heartfelt talk about it and I told them how I felt. So please don't harass, bully, or threaten them at all," the student said Monday in the statement.

An 11-second video that's been shared widely on social media shows another football player, whose hand can be seen but face doesn't appear,

threatening the Black player to sit in the locker "or I'll break both your knees." When the player sits down, others can be heard shouting, "Yeah!"

Moline Police Chief Darren Gault called the incident a "disturbing racist scene." He said the department's investigation determined that the people involved were teammates "of both different and similar races to the victim."

Those findings have been turned over to the Rock Island County State's Attorney Dora Villarrea, who said in Monday's statement that the case has been referred to her office's juvenile division "for appropriate action."

She urged the public to stop sharing the video on social media and to respect the student's privacy.

The Black student added in his statement that he appreciates the concern the incident generated but he's hoping "to get my life back together, and my student-athlete life back on track." He added that he wants to be treated "as a human first, not a victim."

"I want to make it known that I'm

fine. Everyone is worried about me and showing concern for me and I really appreciate it. Second, can everyone please stop talking about the incident and video? I understand everyone wants justice for me and they want what they think is right to be done, but I already made my feelings known to the police and my friends about how I feel about everything," he said in the statement.

The Moline-Coal Valley School District continues to conduct a "school-based investigation" of the incident, Superintendent Dr. Rachel Savage said during Monday's school board meeting, adding that because the students involved are minors "the details of student discipline are private and protected by federal law."

"While outcry over the incident understandably calls for answers and justice, few details of this school-based investigation can actually be revealed. This must not be misunderstood or mistaken for lack of action," Savage said.

Moline is located about 160 miles (257 kilometers) west of Chicago along the Illinois-Iowa border.

State police looking into shooting of northern Illinois man

LENA, Ill. (AP) — An investigation is underway by Illinois State Police into the fatal shooting of an allegedly armed man seen attempting to enter a bank, officials said Monday.

David W. Determan, 52, of Lena was shot by city police and Stephenson County Sheriff's Department deputies on Friday.

Police say Determan was seen firing into the air outside Citizens State Bank in Lena, located nearly 39 miles (62 kilometers) west of Rockford. A resulting standoff saw Determan speaking with officers and a Stephenson County negotiator while holding a weapon.

In a statement, state police say Determan raised his weapon in the direction of officers, who opened fire. Determan was taken to a nearby hospital where he died of his injuries.

State police Master Sgt. Chuck Davidson said the department's detectives provide investigations for shootings by law enforcement in jurisdictions that do not have an integrity task force.

Two separate police shootings in Rockford over the weekend left one man dead and another injured. Winnebago County Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic disturbance Saturday when, authorities said, a man charged a deputy with a large metal pipe. The deputy fatally shot the man, who hasn't been identified.

On Sunday night, a Rockford Police officer shot a 19-year-old man. The man's injuries were not considered life threatening.

Illinois man accused of making violent threats against US judge

CHICAGO (AP) — A southern Illinois man is accused in U.S. District Court of threatening the life of a federal judge in Chicago, federal prosecutors announced Tuesday.

Joshua Farner, 35, of Marion is facing two counts of mailing threats and one count of threatening to as-

sault and murder a judge. The indictment accuses Farner of threatening to retaliate against the judge and impede, intimidate, and interfere with the judge's official duties.

The judge targeted by Farner wasn't named in the announcement of the indictment by U.S. Attorney

John R. Lausch, nor was a reason given for Farner's actions.

Farner was indicted Monday, but an arraignment date hasn't been scheduled, according to prosecutors. It wasn't immediately known if Farner has retained an attorney to speak on his behalf.

US to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan by Sept. 11

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden will withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America that were coordinated from that country, several U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The decision defies a May 1 dead-

line for full withdrawal under a peace agreement the Trump administration reached with the Taliban last year, but leaves no room for additional extensions. A senior administration official called the September date an absolute deadline that won't be affected by security conditions in the country.

While Biden's decision keeps U.S. troops in Afghanistan four months longer than initially planned, it sets a firm end to two decades of war that killed more than 2,200 U.S. troops, wounded 20,000, and cost as much as \$1 trillion. The conflict largely crippled al-Qaida and led to the death of Osama bin Lad-

en, the architect of the Sept. 11 attacks. But an American withdrawal also risks many of the gains made in democracy, women's rights and governance, while ensuring that the Taliban, who provided al-Qaida's safe haven, remain strong and in control of large swaths of the country.

Students celebrate Student Employment Week

By Elizabeth Taylor
Associate News Editor | @DEN_news

This year, April 12-18 is National Student Employment Week, an opportunity to recognize student employees in colleges and universities across the country.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, around 43 percent of full-time undergraduate students are employed. For part-time undergraduate students, that number shoots up to over 80 percent.

Job opportunities vary between schools, and many students work off campus, but Eastern employs students in many different positions.

Each floor in each of the residence halls has a resident assistant who organizes events for the students who live there, makes sure they're following the rules, and makes sure anything going wrong on the floor gets dealt with.

After midnight, night assistants take over just to keep an eye on the building and make sure any late-night problems are taken care of.

A few students each year can even work with the building service workers to help clean and handle building repairs.

Each dining hall on campus employs quite a few students to cook, serve food, clean, and otherwise keep everyone on campus fed.

For grad students, more positions open up such as assistant resident directors or graduate assistants in several different areas on campus.

These are just some common examples of campus jobs; many offices employ students to answer phones

and almost any department on campus will have some job opportunity for students pursuing a relevant career.

Most residence halls also have desk assistants who manage incoming mail and answer students' questions.

Dunn Howard, a junior finance major, is a desk assistant in Lawson Hall who said that interacting with students has been his favorite part of the job.

"Working as a DA, I've met and talked to so many different and diverse people with very interesting backgrounds," Howard said. "From working at the desk I've learned everyone here has a common goal, which is getting a degree, but I've also learned that everyone has a different motivation or passion for getting that degree."

On the other hand, Howard said he's never thrilled about handling the daily mail delivery.

"It's not what some might expect to be the worst part of the job, but it can be draining logging packages for an hour or more sometimes every day," Howard said.

Shannon Rahn, a junior majoring in psychology and human services, is also a desk assistant in Lawson.

She agreed that interacting with students was the best part of working in that position.

"My favorite (part of the job) would have to be making a difference in the residents' lives, whether that be making the freshmen feel more welcome or aiding in crisis situations," Rahn said.

Desk assistants, as well as resident assistants, move on to campus before



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Kevin Galindo, a sophomore geography major, works at the front desk in Taylor Hall. Galindo has worked at the desk since the Fall 2020 semester.

the official Fall move-in date so that they can help other students find the correct rooms and move everything in.

This means that they often spend extra time with incoming freshmen to make sure that they know where they're supposed to be and what they're supposed to be doing.

Rahn said that the most interesting thing that happened to her during her time as a desk assistant was during the first day of that move-in process.

"A resident had dropped their phone down the elevator from the 8th floor and it was all sorts of deformed," Rahn said. "The poor guy had to get a new phone, but he took it like a champ."

Most students pick up these jobs to help cover rising tuition costs or other general living expenses.

Rahn said that she ended up as a desk assistant because her building's assistant resident director told her that she should apply for the position.

Howard said that he applied for the job because he wanted a change from his previous positions.

"I choose being a desk assistant because at my job back home I work with food, so I knew here I didn't want to do the same thing," Howard said. "My options were trying to work at the library or being a desk assistant, and I choose to be a desk assistant."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Understand
when you
should be
an active
bystander

Being an active bystander is something that is essential, especially on a college campus.

Many times you will see things that make you question whether or not you need to speak up and say something. It's something you can go back and forth on for forever, but nonetheless it is something that deserves that amount of thought.

It is important to know when you need to be the person involved, when you need others to help you speak out against something and when it is best to not say something.

Make sure when you are taking the time to say something it is something worthwhile.

An argument between a couple is an example of when it may be better to just continue on with your day. If the argument gets physical or starts to look like verbal abuse, it is time to step in.

The world is full of things you'll have to give a lot of thought to but being an active bystander can be one of the most important.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* hope everyone takes the time to recognize when their help is needed by others. Who knows, you may save a life.

Quote of the Day:

"A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong."

Tecumseh

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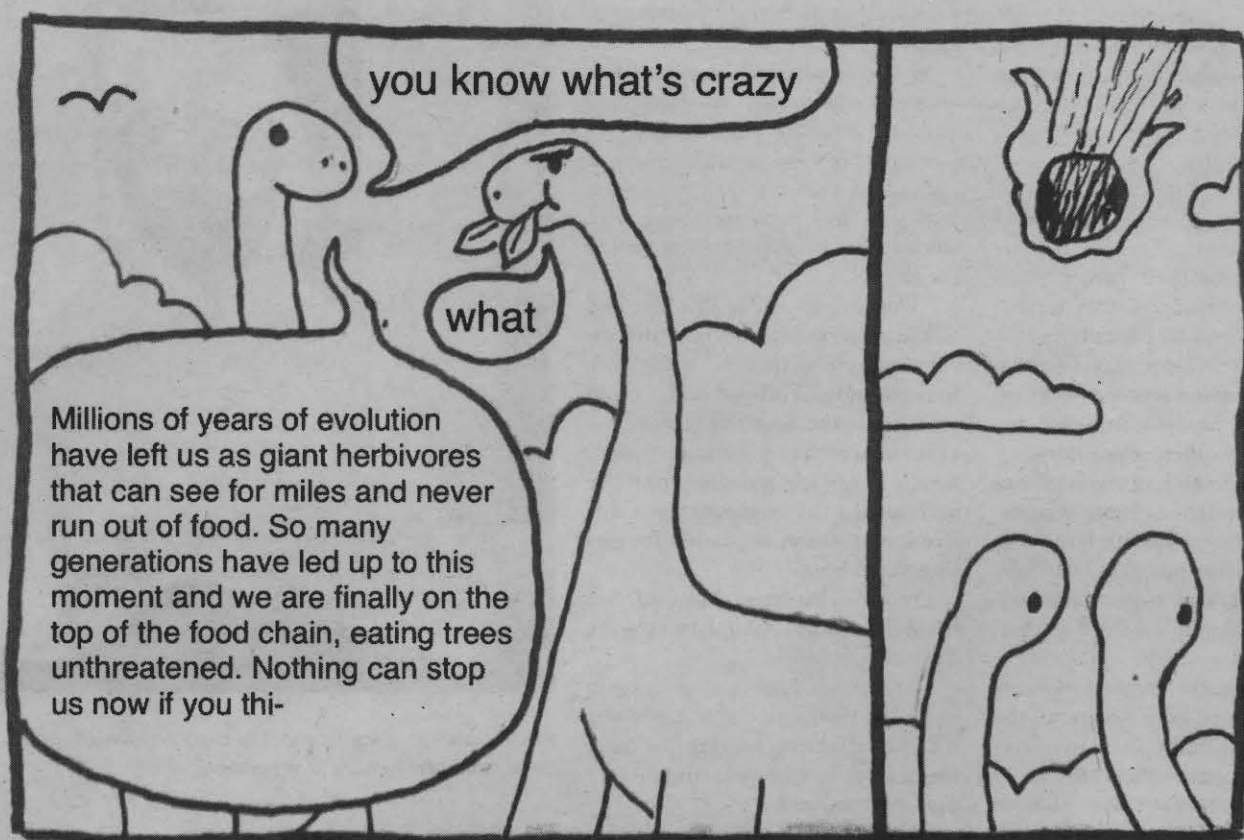
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BY ZACH BERGER

Thank you to those who came before me

At the end of the semester, I will have worked for *The Daily Eastern News* for three academic years.

Over the three years I have been here I have learned so much from how to write a story about the Board of Trustees to how to manage a staff of writers to, most recently, learning how to design (which I am doing as I write this column).

I have made many mistakes and celebrated many wins, all of them incredibly valuable to my growth as a journalist.

I have also been lucky enough to learn from many incredible leaders at *The Daily Eastern News*.

Analicia Haynes was my first Editor-in-Chief at *The Daily Eastern News*. She taught me how to be confident in my reporting and to be willing to fight for the important stories.

She was also the first person to see something in me and made me Associate News Editor my freshman year and started my interest in being an editor.

After Anali, J.J. Bullock took over as Editor-in-Chief in a year that made us all value the time we spent together in the newsroom much more.

J.J. made me the News Editor for his term and helped me understand how valuable every part of the staff is. He pushed me to be a leader for my reporters



Corryn Brock

and helped me through my toughest problems as an editor so far.

Now, Adam Tumino is the Editor-in-Chief I work with. Adam has been a close friend of mine since 2018 and my soon-to-be roommate.

We have struggled through one of the toughest years *The Daily Eastern News* has had together and made the most of it.

He's taught me how to design and helps me when everything seems to be going wrong. I could not have made it through this year without him.

Now, as of Tuesday night, I will be the next Editor-

in-Chief of *The Daily Eastern News* and to be completely honest I am scared as hell to be taking over this position. But, I know that I will have the support of the wonderful people who have come before me and that I will be working with next year.

I am proud to continue the long line of Editors-in-Chief that I follow and excited to lead a new staff of student journalists.

As I plan the many changes that are expected to happen in the Fall semester, I am excited and anxious to start.

I cannot wait to begin offering positions to those who will work on my staff. I know that they will be fantastic leaders and live up to every goal I have for them.

It may be tough at times but I know the guidance I have received has prepared me for it.

Thank you to those who made me ready to take on this position and to those who believed in me enough to give me the opportunities to be in the position I am. I cannot thank you enough.

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Return to normal comes with shootings

America is slowly getting back to normal. Back to normal for us Americans means going out, spending time with friends, and overall enjoying things that we didn't get to because of the pandemic. Despite all those good things, there are negative aspects of going back to normal. And in the past few weeks, we've seen that it means more mass shootings.

A mass shooting is defined as any singular incident that results in multiple victims of gun violence. Most mass shootings usually mean four or more victims but sometimes it can mean less.

The United States is unfortunately known for mass shootings due to the fact that we have had consistent incidents of mass shootings for several years. There have been a lot of conversations surrounding gun control in our country and if that is the solution to mass shootings. The common misconception is that during the pandemic there had been fewer mass shootings because most people stayed in but that's not the reality. In fact, in the year 2020 mass shootings jumped nearly 50% when compared to 2019. In



Destiny Blanchard

2020 the United States had 611 mass shooting events while in 2019 there was 417. Likely because of COVID-19 there was less coverage of these mass shootings so there was an interpretation that they were happening less. Either way, as we start to get back to a somewhat normal society we are seeing more coverage of mass shootings as they happen.

Since the start of 2021, we've had 133 mass shoot-

ings (as of April 9th) that have resulted in the deaths of over 170 people. One of the more talked-about shootings is the Atlanta spas shooting on March 16th when eight people, including six Asian women, were killed by a gunman who intended to attack Asian women. In the two weeks following the Atlanta shooting 20 other shootings took place.

It's easy to feel helpless and feel like there's nothing that can be done to control the number of incidents we've had but there are things that are being done. There are several organizations and activists who fight for more gun control, universal background checks, bans on assault weapons and research into gun violence. More people are starting to agree about the benefit of gun control as we continue to see how many lives gun violence, specifically mass shootings, has taken from us.

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Doudna 2021-2022 season announced

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The Doudna Fine Arts Center has announced 11 performances for the 2021-2022 Premier Season.

Performances will vary in content, including "productions produced locally and guest artists from around the world."

The performances are as follows:
• Dynamo; Sept. 1, 2021
• Le Cirque: Spirit of the Machine; Sep. 9, 2021
• Cordis Condition Blue; Oct. 5, 2021

- Rolston String Quartet; Oct. 29, 2021
- Bette Davis; Nov. 18, 2021
- Bob Sheppard/63rd Jazz Festival; Feb. 4 2022
- Talisk; Feb. 17, 2022
- The Visitor; Feb. 26, 2022
- Little Women: The Musical; Mar. 3-6, 2022
- The Reminders; Mar. 10, 2022
- Las Cafeteras; Apr. 7, 2022

When ordering tickets there is an opportunity to become a "Friend of Doudna" through one of the various support levels. Support levels start at \$25.

According to a press release from the Doudna Fine Arts Center, "Your support will help sustain the many performances the Doudna and our departments of Music and Theatre produce throughout the year. Each level of support brings with it special events!"

Tickets can be purchased online at eiu.edu/doudna or at doudnatix.com. The season can also be viewed on both sites.

Tickets can also be purchased by calling 217-581-3110 or by stopping by the Box Office in the Doudna Fine Arts Center between

11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Before student were sent home in the Spring 2020 some performances were had in the 2019-2020 Premier Season. I've Got a Little Twist, Kristina Reiko Cooper Trio - Around the World With Love and Hedy! The Life & Inventions of Hedy Lamarr were among the few event held before the Doudna Fine Arts Center halted performances.

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"We've invited her to come in and talk about Douglas in his time, and also Douglas as he's assessed by historians of today," Wetstein said. "I think that'll be useful for the committee."

The guest speaker for Wednesday's meeting will serve as a kind of closing comment, wrapping up the data collection period for committee members and allowing them to transition to a period of consideration where they'll think over their options before the final vote.

The committee has plenty to consider, too: the public survey alone received over 1000 total responses.

"The committee knew going into it that they wanted more than just the forums. They're including public comment that's been made at meetings, letters and emails that have been submitted to members of the committee or to the university more generally, they're considering the survey questions... historical perspectives - they're taking a pretty broad view," Wetstein said.

"We're really impressed with the civility with which all of our participants in the forums approached the question. We heard different perspectives, but what we never heard was anything that was disrespectful of others."

The committee meets at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday over Zoom. Those wishing to make public comment can also attend, and can receive log-in information by contacting Wetstein at kawetstein@eiu.edu.

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CEVO to accept donations for SACIS

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This month's monthly nonprofit drive from Eastern's Civic Engagement and Volunteerism will benefit Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services.

SACIS, which was founded in 1977 by faculty members from Eastern, has the mission of "changing attitudes that foster violence against others," according to their website.

"Services are available regardless of age, gender, race, disability, spiritual preference, ethnicity, or sexual orientation," the mission statement continues. "Our purpose is to provide counseling, advocacy

and support for all victims of sexual assault and their significant others."

The organization provides education about sexual assault and support for victims through their day-to-day work, as well as a handful of bigger events which often connect with Eastern's campus.

These events include the Vagina Monologues, Walk a Mile in Their Shoes, Take Back the Night, and Take Back the Day.

Information and schedules for these events are available on the SACIS website.

CEVO plans to collect items which can help SACIS with their ongoing services. Specifically, CEVO is looking for donations

of things like toiletries, feminine products, sheets and blankets, flip flops, bill organizers and kid toys.

The items will be collected in CEVO's office in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union between April 12 and April 23.

Currently, SACIS is hosting a virtual Walk a Mile in Their shoes in which participants are encouraged to walk a mile as a sign of support for those who are impacted by sexual violence.

The event is open to all genders, ages and abilities.

The virtual event is happening until April 30.

Each Eastern student who donates to the drive will be entered into a drawing to win extra dining

dollars.

CEVO started the monthly donation drives earlier this year, finding a different nonprofit to donate to each month.

In February, the organization donated to the Coles County Animal Shelter by collecting cat litter, pet food, and cleaning supplies to help the shelter employees provide for animals in their care.

In March, the drive benefited the Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois.

That time, CEVO collected bath towels, bedding, toiletries and gift cards.

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Nuggets' Jamal Murray suffers ACL tear in left knee, out indefinitely

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Nuggets will be without Jamal Murray indefinitely after the dynamic point guard suffered a torn ACL in his left knee.

The Nuggets announced the diagnosis in a statement Tuesday. It's a big blow to a team coming off a season in which it advanced to the Western Conference finals and is hoping to make another deep postseason run.

Murray was hurt late in a loss at Golden State on Monday night. He drove the lane, tried to elevate off his left foot and fell to the ground, instantly grabbing his knee in pain.

Coach Michael Malone expressed immense concern soon after Murray's injury. Same with his teammates and players around the league, who posted their well-wishes on social media.

Before Monday, the 24-year-old Murray had missed four games with a sore right knee. He is averaging 21.2 points and 4.8 assists this season as the Nuggets sit in fourth place in the West.

Murray drew rave reviews for his postseason performance inside the NBA bubble in Florida last season. He averaged 26.5 points and 6.6 assists to help the Nuggets overcome

3-1 series deficits against Utah and the Los Angeles Clippers before losing to LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers in the conference finals.

This was looking like another season in which the Nuggets could challenge the top teams in the West, with Murray running the show. They also have a bona fide MVP contender in big man Nikola Jokic, who is averaging nearly a triple-double. Plus, they have a potent outside weapon in Michael Porter Jr. and depth after the addition of Aaron Gordon, who moved into the starting lineup following his acquisition from Orlando at the trade deadline.

"You all know what he means to us. He's 'the dude,' you know what I'm saying — Nikola and Jamal," Porter said after the 116-107 loss to the Warriors. "They've brought this team to new heights. You talk about their closing all the time, but we need Jamal. We all know that. But we're more worried about his well-being right now — how he is individually — than we are the team. The team right now is an afterthought. We're just worried about Jamal."

Murray played 33 minutes and had 17 points against the Warriors before

getting hurt with around 50 seconds remaining. A wheelchair was brought out for him, but he refused it and hobbled off the court with help.

Asked what was going through his mind when he saw Murray on the floor in pain, Jokic said: "It's really sad to see anybody in pain. The guy who's the warrior, who is going to fight through everything, was in pain."

Facundo Campazzo or Monte Morris figure to step in for Murray.

The 5-foot-11 Campazzo is a brilliant passer who can efficiently run the offense. But he doesn't quite have Murray's long-range abilities.

Morris doesn't make many mistakes, with an assist-to-turnover ratio that ranks among the top in the league. He's averaging 10.4 points a game.

Murray showed off his offensive flair at Cleveland in February when he erupted for 50 points — and didn't even attempt a free throw. It's the first time in NBA history that a player went for 50 and didn't step to the free-throw line.

He now has three career 50-point games, including two in the playoffs. It's the most in franchise history.

TSU hires 1st-time coach Eddie George hoping for revival

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee State is banking on Eddie George's name, connections and football knowledge as a former NFL running back to return the proud program with 13 Black national championships to national prominence.

TSU, a historically Black college or university, introduced George at a news conference Tuesday inside the Gentry Center with the Aristocrat of Bands on hand. Athletic director Mikki Allen said his priority when hired a year ago was to renew the standard of excellence. He believes he found his man in George, a proven winner on and off the field.

"He's dynamic. He's charismatic. He's energetic and magnetic and has all the tools necessary to build a championship level program here at the Tennessee State University," Allen said.

Tennessee State is taking a risk. George, a four-time Pro Bowl running back with the Tennessee Titans and the 1995 Heisman Trophy winner with Ohio State, has not coached before. He played nine seasons in the NFL and ran for 10,441 yards.

George said this is a new chapter for him. "The No. 1 goal is to win and bring prominence back to this university where it belongs," he said.

George said he truly understands the history of Tennessee State football. The

campus hosted the then-Tennessee Oilers' first training camps in 1997 and 1998 after the franchise relocated from Houston.

He ticked off the names of TSU coaches past from Henry Kean and John A. Merritt to Joe Gilliam Sr. and players like Pro Football Hall of Famers Richard Dent and Claude Humphrey. George noted that TSU is the No. 1 HBCU for producing NFL players.

"Very aware, extremely aware of the rich history here, and I get it," George said. "So taking this job on carries a lot. I have some big shoes to fill. But I feel like I'm the man to get the job done."

At first, George told TSU no. His wife, actor and singer-songwriter Taj George, encouraged him to take the job. George said he consulted with his former Titans coach Jeff Fisher, Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin, current Tennessee coach Mike Vrabel and Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell about what a head coach does.

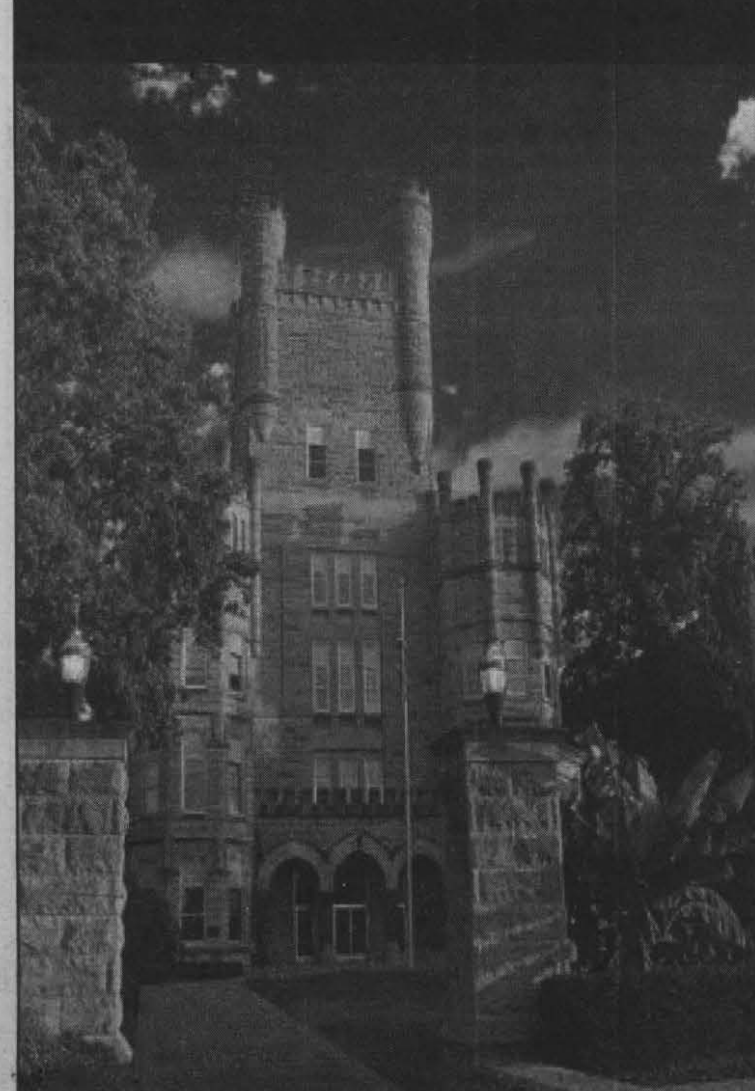
He called this opportunity a huge responsibility he doesn't take lightly.


"I have to be honest," George said. "When I had some excitement about it, 'Man, it'd be pretty cool to be a head coach.' I've seen what Deion (Sanders) has done at Jackson State, the energy he's created."

The Tigers went 58-61 over the past 11 seasons, with only one FCS playoff appearance in 2013.

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Panthers beat Maryville 10-3 Tuesday



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Eastern shortstop Trey Sweeney rounds third base and heads home on a wild pitch against Maryville in a game on April 13. Sweeney also hit a home run in the game, which Eastern won 10-3.

By Ryan Meyer
Baseball Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern baseball team beat Maryville University 10-3 on Tuesday afternoon.

Ryan Ignoffo got the win in a relief opportunity after coming in for Jalen Cardinal in the fifth inning and striking out two Saints batters looking. Kyle Lang started the game on the mound and went 4.1 innings, giving up five hits and three runs with three walks.

Hitting was sparse for the Panthers through four innings but a 4-run fifth inning that was sparked by an RBI single from second baseman Lucas DiLuca and multiple wild pitches that brought in runs.

Shortstop Trey Sweeney hit a solo home run to lead off in the bottom of the seventh inning, and one inning later first baseman Christian Pena made it a 10-3 game with a grand slam.

Head coach Jason Anderson said that he was looking to get more players some time on the field while others were out with injuries.

"This week, we're just trying to get back on track," Anderson said. "We are dealing with a lot of injuries, and so there's guys getting an opportunity to play that maybe hadn't the rest of the year, and you're trying to get some guys in that hasn't been out there a little bit. Got a chance to do that, hopefully we sparked a little bit of a hot

streak with some hitters that have been struggling, but each week is a little bit different."

The pitching performances of Eastern's middle relievers are what Anderson said shifted the tide in the Panthers' favor, beginning in the top of the fifth when Cardinal came in to pitch for Lang, and then when Ignoffo came in for Cardinal.

"But really for me the biggest part of the game was when Jalen Cardinal and Ryan Ignoffo came in when we were down by two and there was a runner at third to get us out of that jam, I think that gave us a chance to get back into it and get on top, and so to me that was the biggest part of the game right there," Anderson said.

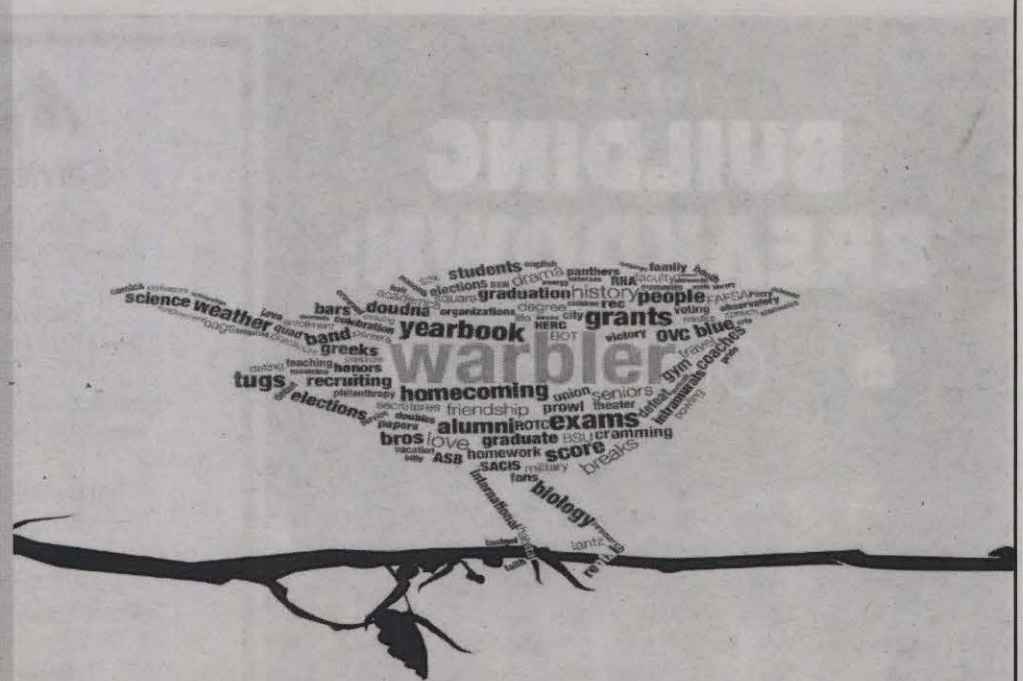
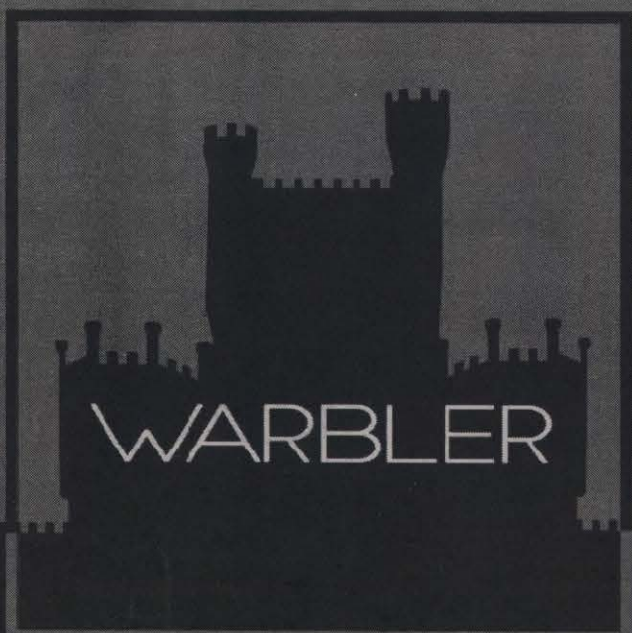
The win was the Panthers' 17th on the season and made their home record 7-5. Their .548 overall winning percentage is the second best in the OVC, and they are in a three-way tie with Belmont and Austin Peay for sixth in the conference with a conference record of 7-8.

Morehead State has the best in-conference record at 6-3, with Southeast Missouri following at 9-6.

The Panthers have an upcoming four-game series at Morehead State that begins with a doubleheader on Friday.

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